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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 12, 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC-2001-00206

<u>Ex</u> <u>Parte</u>: Establishment of Carrier Performance Standards for Verizon Virginia Inc.

PROCEDURAL ORDER ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO VA GUIDELINES FILED DECEMBER 9, 2002

On January 4, 2002, the State Corporation Commission

("Commission") issued an Order Establishing Carrier Performance

Standards With Implementation Schedule and Ongoing Procedure to

Change Metrics ("Order of January 4, 2002"). On December 9,

2002, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") filed its

comments and proposed revisions to the Virginia Carrier-to
Carrier Guidelines Performance Standards and Reports ("VA

Guidelines"), which reflect the New York consensus and non
consensus metric changes adopted by the New York Public Service

Commission ("NY PSC") on October 25, 2002 (hereinafter,

"December 9, 2002, Proposed VA Guidelines"). Verizon Virginia

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¹ A copy of the December 9, 2002, Proposed VA Guidelines is available at http://www.state.va.us/scc/division/puc/ccimomfiles/collab225.pdf.

proposes to implement the December 9, 2002, Proposed VA Guidelines for the second calendar month after the month in which the Commission approves the revisions.²

Pursuant to the procedure for adoption of proposed changes to the VA Guidelines on a going forward basis, the Commission makes the following determinations:

- 1. The Commission Staff, Office of Attorney General, and interested parties may file comments and/or requests for hearing on the December 9, 2002, Proposed VA Guidelines no later than December 31, 2002. Any comments should address, but are not limited to, whether the proposed metric changes appropriately adapt the New York metrics to Virginia and also the proposed implementation interval.
- 2. If any objections to any of the metric changes in the December 9, 2002, Proposed VA Guidelines or the proposed implementation interval are filed, all interested parties, the Office of Attorney General, and Commission Staff may file a response on or before January 13, 2003.
- 3. In the event that no objection to the adoption of a change in metrics in the December 9, 2002, Proposed VA Guidelines or the implementation interval is filed, those non-

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 $^{^2}$ Verizon Virginia explains that if the revisions were approved in January 2003, Verizon Virginia's first performance report reflecting the revisions would be for the month of March 2003 and would be issued at the end of April 2003.

objectionable metric changes should be considered approved 45 days³ after filing unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Comments and/or requests for hearing on December 9, 2002, Proposed VA Guidelines and proposed implementation interval shall be filed no later than December 31, 2002, and responses to any comments shall be filed no later than January 13, 2003, consistent with the determinations made above.
 - (2) This case is now continued.

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³ In the Order of January 4, 2002, the Commission adopted a procedure for changes to the VA Guidelines on a going forward basis (pp. 15-17). With respect to consensus and non-consensus metrics, there is a procedure for such to go into effect if no party objects after 45 days of submission unless otherwise ordered by the Commission (p. 16).